



**Public Health Association of Australia  
( WA Branch)  
2010 State Conference**

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**Global Issues, Local Solutions - Thinking outside the box  
Tradewinds Hotel, East Fremantle, 18 -19 November 2010**

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**Pre conference workshops—Wednesday 17 November**

**Cost:** Members \$45/workshop Non members \$60/workshop (refreshments provided)

**Venue:** Tradewinds Hotel East Fremantle

Registration form available at: [www.phaa.net.au/wa.php](http://www.phaa.net.au/wa.php)

Registrations required by 13 October (spaces limited so be early!)

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**Workshop One—Another View of Public Health Understanding Mapping  
and Spatial Analysis**

Narelle Mullan, Dr Grace Yun, Shannon Carter - WA Department of Health  
9.00am—12.30pm (Room: Plympton South)

When trying to understand local issues the location of services, extent of program reach and where the areas of high risk are all build up a picture of public health. If you have ever wondered how easy it would be to show your results in a map or analyse several 'layers' of data for any given region then come along to this workshop.

Staff from the Public Health Division of the Department of Health WA will be providing and explanation of how Geographical Information Systems (GIS) can assist and your options for getting started. They will cover where to find the underlying spatial reference data and provide case studies of public health projects which have used the technology. Designed as an informative discussion, there will also be an opportunity to ask questions about mapping and conducting spatial analysis on specific topics from participants. Aiming to de-mystify the world of GIS and highlighting the benefits of viewing information in spatial format, this is a workshop for everyone.



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**Workshop Two—Embracing Aboriginality and Multicultural partnerships in  
Community Gardens to deliver solutions to global issues**

Dr Susan Mason, John Penny: Now Green, Sonja Farrow: City of Stirling,  
Veronica Dolman: North Metropolitan Area Health Service  
9.00am—12.30pm (Room: Harbour Room)

Complex global challenges of food security, social isolation, cultural diversity, chronic disease and the obesity epidemic find effective and lasting solutions in localised community initiatives such as the 'Community Gardens: Healthy Food, Body and Mind Project' developed in Gwelup, Western Australia. Local government, partnered with State Government agencies and not-for-profit organisations, to explore the delivery of a community garden constructed by culturally and linguistically diverse job-seekers and community capacity building programs.

The community garden recognises the traditional owners of the land, the Nungar People, and becomes an 'outdoor classroom' promoting positive interaction and social inclusion among people of different cultural backgrounds, acknowledging each other and the environment. The garden offers a setting for the surrounding community, participants and facilitators to explore the relationship between personal health, wellbeing and the environment. The project builds on the community garden philosophy "food for all" fostering employment, community capacity building and cultural awareness.

Local government in partnership with other like minded organisations can support the necessary societal shift in behaviours, lifestyles and traditions to recognise the new ways of thinking. This is necessary to position our communities to embrace different cultures, build relationships, generate linkages and live sustainable lifestyles addressing global health, wellbeing and ecological challenges.